



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15th September 2024

Saturday 14th September

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's 6.30p.m. John Driscoll RIP

Sunday 15th September -Evangelii Gaudium Sunday – First annual Mass Count

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Chris Steele RIP
St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Kenneth Kilcoyne RIP
3.00pm Pause for Hope

Monday 16th September-Ss Cornelius,P.M & Cyprian, B.D

St Theresa's Private Intention
St. Columba's 10.30a.m. The Parish

Tuesday 17th September

St. Theresa's Michael Dunne RIP
St. Columba's Private Intention

Wednesday 18th September

St Theresa's Bridgie-Ann
St Columba's 9.30a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
10.15a.m. Novena Prayers
10.30a.m. Kenneth Kilcoyne RIP

Thursday 19th September

St. Theresa's The Delaney Family
St Columba's Priests' Intentions

Friday 20th September – Ss Andrew Kim TaegOn,P, Paul ChOng Ha-sang & Companions mem

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Eileen Connolly RIP
St. Columba's Parishioners' Ints

Saturday 21st September

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's 6.30p.m. Bukowski Family

Sunday 22nd September

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Maureen Ann Richards RIP
St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Michael Benton RIP

Please note if there is no time next to Mass it means there is no Mass for parishioners to attend that day, but the Priests will say Mass privately.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS: For September

For the cry of the Earth. We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY: 15th SEPTEMBER

This used to be called Home Mission Sunday and is to support the work of the Bishop's Conference Department of Evangelisation and Discipleship. A Second collection will take place THIS WEEKEND, 14th/15th September. Please put any donations in the baskets provided.

ANNUAL MASS ATTENDANCE:

The first annual Mass attendance will take place this weekend, (the number of people attending Mass are counted) This is the figure that is used for the Parish Pastoral Statistics form.

WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS:

Please contact one of the Parish Offices to make your arrangements.

CONFESSIONS:

There will be Confessions after each weekday Mass until 11.30a.m.

St Columba's: From 6p.m. before the 6.30p.m. Sat. evening Mass.

St Theresa's: From 4.30p.m. before 5p.m. Saturday evening Mass.

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Michael Gaine, Janet Marie Heath Jones, Joan Margaret Woods, Kenneth Kilcoyne, Jim Mason & Angela Christine Woodworth.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11am this Sunday 15th September 2024.

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PARISH OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £494.80; Planned Giving £205.50; Average weekly SO £735.00; Candles £76.42. Many thanks for your generous support.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

- Pray for the residents of St Christopher's Close, Dale Drive, Heath Road, Sumner Rd, Fisher Road, Stamford Rd. & Church Way.
- For the Treasurers, Finance Organisers & the Gift Aid Recorders.
- For those who are responsible for the financial affairs of our Churches.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

The coffee rota is on the noticeboard in St Columba's Hall. Please enter your name and good cause against your preferred dates. You could make £30-£50 for your chosen cause.

15th Sept – volunteers please

22nd Sept - Marg Curtis & Barbara Chapstick for Fish & Chip babies

29th Sept-volunteers please

SUCCESSFUL CAKE SALE FOR THE ALTAR SERVERS

Coffee and tea at St Columba's on 8th Sept was to support the Altar Servers. Richard would like to say a massive thank you to all who brought cakes and helped on the day - we made £150 to help take the Altar team out for a treat.

JUBILEE FLOWERS:

Many thanks to Dutton & Hallmark (Undertakers) for their very generous donation of flowers to decorate St. Columba's Church for our celebration this week-end.

“THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS”:

This is the theme for the next Churches Together in Upton Fifth Sunday Service to be held at St. Columba's at 4.30p.m. on Sunday 29th September. Further details to follow. Put the date in your diary.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP:

Our parish youth group will meet on Monday 16th September, starting at 7pm in the Iona chapel and finishing at 8.30pm in St. Columba's Church hall. All parishioners in school year 5, or older are very welcome to come along and join our happy group, learn a bit about our faith, play games, do activities, and generally have fun, snacks provided. If you need a lift, or more information, please call Denise Lusk (01244 379742)

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES:

These classes are for children who come to either St Columba's or St Theresa's churches but do not attend one of the RC Primary Schools. They are held in St Columba's Hall on Wednesday evenings in term time from 5pm to 6pm. The classes will begin on Wednesday 25th Sept. If you have a child in Year 3 or above who would like to enrol to join these classes to prepare for First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion this school year, or if you would like any further information, please ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323 or email pauline.payne4@btinternet.com

CONFIRMATION GROUP:

Please pray for all who are preparing to be confirmed in November, and for those who are preparing them.

FISH & CHIP BABY GARMENT DISPLAY AND WOOL SALE

After 11:00 Mass on 22nd, Barbara and Margaret will have a table showing examples of some of the garment and will be selling wool, patterns and projects. Please do support this wonderful cause. For more information about this project, please see the website.

HAVE YOU BEEN AFFECTED BY CANCER?

TODAY, 15th September at 3pm, there will be an Ecumenical Service named “Pause for Hope” at St Columba's Church. The service is for anyone who has been affected in any way by cancer. You are most welcome to come for yourself or just to give support to the event. Please invite anyone you know who may benefit from this. There is a poster in the Church porch.

ST THERESA'S FEAST DAY – FLOWERS:

If anyone would like to give towards flowers for the feast day please put your donation in an envelope marked St Theresa's flowers and place it in the offertory basket. Thank you.

ADOREMUS:

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday 22nd September at 2pm at St Theresa's as asked by the Bishops of England and Wales, who are inviting all Parishes to have a period of Exposition to unite the faithful of the country in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year with renewed and deepened devotion.

THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES has designated the week from Sept 14th - 21st to pray for Palestine and Israel. It is suggested that you set aside a time each day, light a candle and pray for peace - prayer sheets are available in the church porches.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers Sheila Ring who died recently, and also her family and friends. Sheila's Requiem Mass is at St Theresa's on 3rd October at 11am.

THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING:

Thursday 19th September 6-8pm. No booking needed. Interactive demonstrations, canteen tastings, live sports action, meet & greet our students and staff. All welcome! Old Wrexham Road, Handbridge. CH4 7HS.

SEASON OF CREATION -The season of creation - This is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It started on 1 September and finishes on the feast of St Francis, 4 October. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share. When we work together with Creation, the first fruits of hope can emerge.

THE RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS will be visiting the St Anthony's, Wythenshawe, between 20 and 23 September 2023. This remarkable teenager was a gamer and computer programmer who loved football, with a gift for empathy, a great devotion to Our Lady and a deep love of the Holy Eucharist which he described as his 'highway to heaven'. The visit to the Diocese is a very special opportunity to spend time in prayer venerating the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Confessions will be available, and Mass will be celebrated on each of the days. There will also be inspirational talks on Saturday and Sunday from Monsignor Anthony Figueiro, STD, who has followed the life of the soon to be Saint Carlo Acutis. Registration for veneration is now open and can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/relic-of-blessed-carlo-acutis-tickets-1010291297467?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):

It is proposed to reconvene the parish RCIA group in September. If you are thinking about seeking to become a Roman Catholic, or to be received into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church, and would like to join the group to look into this, please contact Fr William or Deacon Lawrence for further details.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS

To arrange meetings etc. in either the Church, Newman Room or the Iona Chapel, please book through Magdalena Bukowska, St. Columba's Church Office
Phone: 01244 624019

Email: stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com

Office hours Monday to Friday 9a.m. to 2p.m.

Hall availability can be checked by looking at St Columba's Church website – section for Church Hall gives a calendar of events in the Hall. Then contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531 or email columbashallbookings@gmail.com to arrange booking.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

15th September edition will be compiled by Muriel Green
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Please include a phone number in case of queries, and please ensure that items are also emailed to Fr William or phoned to the compiler by **9.00a.m. on WEDNESDAY**

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note that the electronic version of the newsletter on the website may contain additional items which it has not been possible to include in the printed copy this week.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS

Next Sunday 22nd Sept we will be having our Harvest Thanksgiving Mass at 11.00am. If you would like to bring harvest gifts to that Mass there will be a table in the hall after Mass for the sale of any fruit, vegetables or preserves, with proceeds going to CAFOD. Gifts can be left there before or after Mass. There will also be boxes in the front and back porches if you would like to donate non-perishable tinned or packet food. That will go to the local foodbank to help build up their stocks for the winter. Thank you very much.

As we give thanks for our own harvest, we will also be thinking of people in developing countries whose harvests may have failed. CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is on Friday 4th October and envelopes will be available next weekend.

SVP MINI RETREAT AND RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a mini retreat 10.30-12.30 on Saturday 28th September to which all parishioners are warmly invited regardless of whether you are a member of the St Vincent de Society or not. The retreat will begin with morning prayer followed by thoughts on Synod and mission, "Lectio Divina" and some reflective hymns. If you would be interested to join us please contact Mark Traynor marktraynor96@gmail.com. Also, the feast of St Vincent de Paul falls on the 27th September and so in recognition of this there will be a retiring collection at both churches the weekend of the 28th/29th September to support the work our SVP does on behalf of the parish.

60 GLORIOUS YEARS OF ST COLUMBA'S:

Thank you to those who came along and celebrated or who helped in any way.

CHESTER LADIES CHOIR will be having a general knowledge quiz evening at St Columba's hall on Friday evening 12.10.24 @ 7pm. Tables of up to 6 welcome. Cost per entrance £3. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. All welcome.

ST. COLUMBA CHILDREN CHOIR RECRUITMENT:

If you like singing, learning something new, find new friends, and use your talent to praise the Lord, you can join the little choir of St Columba. You do not need to know the music or be able to sing. We will help you to learn to sing and be a member of a choir. We also support young guitarists and percussionists to play for the choir and the mass service.

We practise on Tuesday at 18:45 for one hour and we play for the community every first Sunday of the month (school term only). Mass and practise are in St Columba Church (entrance at the back door).

Participation is free. If you or your parents/guardians want any clarification please do not hesitate to contact Giovanna 07728948946 or the director of the choir Mark 07752 31772.

WORKS IN THE PRESBYTERY:

The underpinning work to deal with the cracks in the presbytery has been put back to the 16th September. There will be no disruption to church services but there will be a skip outside and vans will be parked on the car park during the week.

ZUMBATHON:

Zumbathon in aid of Hopeful Ugandan Hearts: Saturday 28th September from 10:30am to 12:30pm at St Columba's Church Hall. Come and have fun and raise funds for the children at Home of Peace and Christ's Heart Home Orphanage. Feel free to dress up to the occasion. £10 Adults, £5 Children 6+. And Raffle with great prizes. For tickets contact Lina Greig 07837512544 or email linamahigduran@hotmail.com

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY AGM will be held at St Columba's Church (Newman Room), Plas Newton Lane, Chester, CH2 1SA on Saturday 28 September at 2pm. All members of the Hospitality are invited to attend. Please forward any items to be discussed under AOB to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk by Saturday 14th September.

NEW TO THE PARISH:

Could new parishioners, please complete a Parish Registration Form and send to either parish office to let us know that you are here and enable us to welcome you to the parish. The form can be completed and submitted online or downloaded and printed out. Instructions are on the form, which can also be found in the front porches of both churches. You will find it on the Our Parish tab, under Welcome (side option Welcome).